(c) Company-wise percentage of expenditure on Community Development to their gross profit are as under:—

Company	Percentage of gross profit		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	*	0.28	1.06
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	*	0.42	1.21
Central Coalfields Ltd.	0.11	0.16	0.26
Western Coalfields Ltd.	0.24	0.23	0.35
Northern Coalfieds Ltd.	0.06	0.09	0.11
South Eastern Coalfield Ltd.	0.30	0.74	0.41
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	0.25	0.21	0.19

*During 2004-05 gross profit of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. was negative.

Result of closure of coal mines

†1795. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to close down 55 coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any estimate has also been made about loss and profit as a result of closure of these mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which Government would deal with the problem of workers going to be unemployed as a result of closure of these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such decision has been taken by the Coal India Limited. However, the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), as part of revival package approved by the Government, has decided to suspend operations in 9 loss making underground mines out of which operations in 7 mines have already been suspended. Workers are not going to be unemployed as a result of any closure of mines. They would be gainfully deployed elsewhere.

Closure of coal mines

†1796. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to close some of the coal mines;

(b) if so, the number of mines which are being closed; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) As reported by Coal India Limited (CIL) no decision has been taken to close any of the coal mines under CIL and its subsidiary companies except those mines where reserves will be exhausted. However, in the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) operations in 9 underground mines are to be suspended as per the plan sanctioned by the Boarded of industrial Financing & Reconstruction (BIFR) for its revival Similarly, in the revised revival plan submitted by the company, the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) has proposed closure/supension of production in 18 (eighteen) underground mines/units and producation in 6 (six) mines is already suspended.

3G Spectrum pricing and allocation

1797. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether committee formed by the DoT to study the 3G spectrum pricing and allocation has recommended, BSNL and MTNL for 3G spectrum quota in step with the recommendations of an internal committee of the department of telecommunications;

(b) whether according to the recommendations four firms would be given 3G spectrum after the first round of bidding for 2.1 Mhz frequency;

(c) if so, the other recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) by when they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) DoT has not formed any committee to study the 3G spectrum pricing and allocation. However, based on the recommendations of an internal committee which had examined TRAI recommendations on 3G spectrum pricing and allocation, the Government has announced broad guidelines for 3G services is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of Guidelines announced by Government for 3G Services:

- The 3G (3rd generation) mobile telecommunications is the generic name for the next generation of mobile networks that will combine wireless mobile technology with high data rate transmission capabilities. The 3G networks will be capable of providing higher data rates and will also be capable of supporting a variety of services such as high-resolution video and multi media services in addition to voice, fax and convention data services.
- 3G spectrum will be permitted in the 2.1 GHz band.
- The 3G licences would be granted through a controlled, simultaneous ascending e-auction, by a specialized agency to ensure transparency in the selection process.